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Field Crops

Arizona's alfalfa conditions remained mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on nearly half of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continue to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Durum wheat acreage planted is wrapping up and barley acreage planted was virtually complete by week's end.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, kale, parsley and spinach last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arrugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, parsley, spinach and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and romaine. Various citrus was also shipped in Arizona.

Range and Pasture

Recent moisture levels have helped grazing areas respond to the drought conditions. The problem still remains that more precipitation is needed to help prevent pastures drying out. Almost two-thirds of pasture areas are in fair or better condition.

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | <i>- Percent -</i> | | | | |
| Alfalfa | 1 | 10 | 33 | 33 | 23 |
| Range and Pasture | 27 | 19 | 37 | 16 | 1 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending February 10, 2013, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Buckeye. The lowest reading was 18 degrees at Willcox.

Fourteen of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Maricopa received the least precipitation at .01 inches and Payson received the most at 0.31 inches. Six weather stations are below 50 percent of normal precipitation to date in 2013.

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| Temperature and Precipitation Data | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| February 4, 2013 - February 10, 2013 | | | | | | | | |
| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila | 50 | -2 | 71 | 29 | 0.06 | 1.60 | -0.12 | 93 |
| Buckeye | 55 | 2 | 82 | 36 | 0.02 | 1.37 | 0.50 | 157 |
| Bullhead City | 56 | -2 | 75 | 34 | 0.00 | 0.10 | -1.15 | 8 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 36 | 2 | 54 | 22 | 0.13 | 0.95 | 0.03 | 103 |
| Coolidge | 53 | -1 | 75 | 31 | 0.00 | 1.21 | 0.06 | 105 |
| Douglas | 49 | 3 | 68 | 21 | 0.02 | 0.92 | -0.01 | 99 |
| Flagstaff | 34 | 4 | 54 | 20 | 0.29 | 2.93 | 0.19 | 107 |
| Grand Canyon | 34 | 7 | 56 | 19 | 0.00 | 0.09 | -3.17 | 3 |
| Kingman | 48 | 3 | 69 | 31 | 0.20 | 0.96 | -0.26 | 79 |
| Maricopa | 56 | 2 | 74 | 37 | 0.01 | 1.22 | 0.22 | 122 |
| Paloma | 55 | -1 | 80 | 31 | 0.00 | 0.83 | -0.09 | 90 |
| Parker | 54 | -3 | 76 | 30 | 0.00 | 0.70 | -0.42 | 63 |
| Payson | 41 | -1 | 61 | 20 | 0.31 | 3.85 | 1.22 | 146 |
| Phoenix | 61 | 5 | 76 | 44 | 0.00 | 1.39 | 0.52 | 160 |
| Prescott | 42 | 4 | 62 | 24 | 0.14 | 2.07 | 0.04 | 102 |
| Roll | 56 | 2 | 79 | 31 | 0.00 | 0.16 | -0.29 | 36 |
| Safford | 50 | 4 | 71 | 22 | 0.02 | 0.29 | -0.59 | 33 |
| St. Johns | 39 | 3 | 58 | 22 | 0.07 | 0.37 | -0.50 | 43 |
| Tucson | 56 | 3 | 73 | 32 | 0.04 | 0.86 | -0.22 | 80 |
| Willcox | 46 | 2 | 69 | 18 | 0.02 | 0.49 | -0.75 | 40 |
| Winslow | 39 | 3 | 59 | 22 | 0.04 | 0.78 | 0.17 | 128 |
| Yuma | 62 | 3 | 79 | 44 | 0.00 | 1.02 | 0.57 | 227 |
| 1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week. | | | | | | | | |

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